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SUBJECT: JAMAICA TO RECEIVE US\$8.1 MILLION DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE
FROM THE DUTCH

1. ACCORDING TO AN AGENCY FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASE
PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY NEWS OF MAY 9, JAMAICA IS TO RECEIVE
ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE OF US\$8.1 MILLION FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR 1978/79 FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
NETHERLANDS. A FIVE-MAN MISSION HAS ARRIVED IN THE ISLAND
TO DISCUSS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THE AREAS TO WHICH THE
MONEY WILL BE ALLOCATED. PROGRAMS IN WHICH THE DUTCH
HAVE SO FAR BEEN INVOLVED IN JAMAICA INCLUDE WATER,
AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

2. THIS IS THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR THAT JAMAICA HAS
RECEIVED SUCH ASSISTANCE FROM THE NETHERLANDS UNDER THE
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROGRAM. IN 1975, THE DUTCH OFFERED
APPROXIMATELY US\$4.4 MILLION IN COMBINED LOANS AND GRANTS
TO COVER PROJECTS MAINLY IN AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM
AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE RURAL AREAS. IN
NOVEMBER 1975, A US\$6.6 MILLION AID AGREEMENT IN LOANS
AND GRANTS WAS SIGNED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF JAMAICA
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AND THE NETHERLANDS TO BE USED FOR RURAL LAND DEVELOPMENT,
BUILDING OF MICRO-DAMS, SQUATTER SETTLEMENTS AND WATER
RESOURCES UPGRADING, EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS AND TRAINING.
IN 1977, JAMAICA RECEIVED US\$7.5 MILLION FROM THE
NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT IN LOANS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
AS PART OF AN ON-GOING PROGRAM FOR USE CHIEFLY IN THE
AREAS OF AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION AND HOUSING. THIS

LATEST US\$8.1 MILLION LOAN RAISES DUTCH ASSISTANCE TO
JAMAICA SINCE 1975 TO US\$26.6 MILLION.
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